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The exhibit runs from January 5 – March 31, 2016

Opening Reception: January 14, from 5:00 – 7:00

Art Walk Reception: February 5, from 4:00 – 7:00

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**The Vermont Supreme Court Gallery hosts
Portrait Artist Kate Gridley**

MONTPELIER, VT: The Vermont Supreme Court Gallery presents a solo exhibition by Kate Gridley titled **Passing Through—Portraits of Emerging Adults**.

Gridley is known for her fresh insights into human character, the quality of light in her work, and an exceptional painting technique not seen in most contemporary portraiture today. This Middlebury-based artist seeks to capture a time of our youth culture that transcends socioeconomic background, gender, and race.

This collection of 17 larger than life-sized oil portraits depicts the human element of every subject in an authentic and compelling way. Each portrait is accompanied by an audio narrative that is accessible by cell phone with a QR code app. This application gives the viewer a candid insight into the life and personality of every one of her subjects.

"Kate Gridley is perhaps Vermont's finest portraitist, and what this show accomplishes is nothing short of revolutionary allowing the viewer to fully appreciate the promise of youth and how a portrait can truly reveal the inner character of a person." —David Schutz, Vermont State Curator

Kate Gridley's portraits and landscapes are displayed in public and private collections here and abroad. She completed the official state portrait of the Honorable Governor Jim Douglas of Vermont in 2010. It hangs in the Vermont Statehouse, and the official portrait of the Honorable William K. Sessions III in 2012, hangs in the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, Washington D.C.

Gridley's exhibition "Passing Through: Portraits of Emerging Adults", will be traveling throughout New England from now until the end of 2016. Please visit her web site for dates and locations.

Currently she is at work on a multi - media portrait of Dr. Francois Clemmons, partially funded by a Vermont Arts Council 2013 Creation Grant.

If you need additional images or would like to set up an interview, please contact the artist directly at Kate@kategridley.com or 802-989-1928.

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